

**Chambers of Senior Judge Ira DeMent**

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**Ira DeMent**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931

Education: Alabama 1953 AB, 1958 JD

Began Service: April 15, 1992

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Instructor, Jones Law School (1962-1964); Instructor, United States Infantry School (1962-1963); Instructor, Montgomery Police Academy (1964-1977); Lecturer in Constitutional Law, Alabama Police Academy (1971-1975); Adjunct Faculty, The New College, University of Alabama (1974-1975); Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Alabama (1975-1992); Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (1977)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Pelham J. Merrill, Alabama Supreme Court (1958-1959)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Alabama, United States Department of Justice (1959-1961); Assistant City Attorney, Police and Fire Departments, City of Montgomery, Alabama (1965-1969); Special Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1966-1969); United States Attorney, Middle District of Alabama, United States Department of Justice (1969-1977)

**Judicial:** Judge, Wake Island Court of Appeals (1985)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Whitesell & DeMent; Partner, Whitesell, Alton & DeMent (1962-1965); Partner, DeMent & Wise (1982-1987)

**Military Service:** Major General (Retired), United States Army (1953-1974)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar; American Bar Association; American Inn of Court Chapter; District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Montgomery County Bar Association

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**W. Harold Albritton III**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936

Education: Alabama 1959 AB, 1960 LLB

Began Service: May 1991

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Corporate:** Director, The Commercial Bank (1983-1985); Director, First Alabama Bank (1985-1991)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama (1998-2004)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Albrittons, Givhan & Clifton (and predecessor firms) (1962-1991)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1960-1962); United States Army Reserve (1962-1968)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Bar Foundation; Alabama State Bar; American Bar Foundation; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Inns of Court - Montgomery Chapter; American Judicature Society; United States District Judges Association

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Education: Emory 2005 JD

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**Charles S. Coody**

Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: Spring Hill 1968 BS; Alabama 1975 JD

Began Service: May 1, 1987

Term Expires: April 30, 2011

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable T. Embry, Alabama Supreme Court (1975)

**Government:** General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Education (1978-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Smith, Bowman, Thaggard, Crook & Culpepper (1976-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1968-1972)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; Hugh Maddox Inn of Court

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**Vanzetta Penn McPherson**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Howard U 1969 BS;

Columbia 1971 MA, 1974 JD

Began Service: April 6, 1992

Term Expires: 2008

**Academic:** Adjunct Lecturer, Evidence, University of Alabama Law School (1978)

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1975-1978)

**Judicial:** Magistrate, Montgomery County Family Court

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hughes, Hubbard & Reed (1974-1975); Private Practice (1978-1992)

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Vanzetta Penn McPherson continued**

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; American Bar Association; Black Lawyers Association; Federal Bar Association, Montgomery Chapter President; National Bar Association; New York State Bar Association; Montgomery Inn of Courts

**Staff**

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**Susan R. Walker**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1956

Education: Eckerd 1977 BA;

Oxford (UK) 1980 MA; Yale 1986 JD

Began Service: 1996

Term Expires: 2012

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Frank M. Johnson, Jr. (1985-1986)

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, State of Alabama (1987-1989)

**Legal Practice:** Miller, Hamilton, Snider & Odom, L.L.C. (1989-1996)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Sandra Gooding Marsh** ..... (334) 954-3670  
Education: Mississippi Women 1979 BS;

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**Delores R. Boyd**

Magistrate Judge

Education: Alabama 1972 BA; Virginia 1975 JD

Began Service: September 14, 2001

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John C. Goldbold, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1975-1976)

**Judicial:** Presiding Judge, Montgomery Municipal Court (2000-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Mandell & Boyd (1976-1992); Private Practice (1992-2001)

**Nonprofit:** Chairperson, Alabama Board of Examiners (1995-1998); Bar Examiner (1979-1982)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar; American Bar Association; Hugh Maddox American Inn of Court; National Bar Association

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**William R. Sawyer**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1955

Education: Valparaiso 1982 JD

Began Service: May 24, 1999

Term Expires: May 31, 2013

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Huntington College

**Government:** United States Department of Justice, Tax Division (1986-1989); Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Alabama (1989-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Clifford, Claudon, Alexa, Sawyer (1982-1986)